

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 367

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOVE, BALDONE, AND HARRISON AND SENATORS  
DUPRE AND B. GAUTREAUX

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2481.3, relative to the municipal police civil service; to provide relative to the position of police chief in the city of Houma; to provide that such position is in the unclassified service; to provide relative to the appointment, supervision, and discharge of any person in any such position; to provide relative to qualifications; to provide relative to resignation from and return to the classified service; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:2481.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2481.3. Police chief; city of Houma; unclassified service

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the position of chief of police for the city of Houma is in the unclassified service, and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position is vested in the president of the parish of Terrebonne. The chief of police shall have not less than five years of full time law enforcement experience and shall have successfully completed a certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officers Standards and Training. The appointment of the chief of police shall be subject to the approval of the parish governing authority. Any person appointed to the position of chief of police shall meet all qualifications and requirements as provided in the parish compensation plan in effect at the time of his appointment.

1           B. Any person who resigns from a position in the classified service to be  
2           appointed chief of police shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the date of his  
3           resignation, but he shall not accumulate seniority during the time he is not in the  
4           classified service. If any such person resigns from the position of chief of police or  
5           is terminated for any reason other than malfeasance in office, he shall be eligible to  
6           be reemployed to the same position in the classified service in which he was  
7           employed immediately preceding his resignation from the classified service. If the  
8           position has been filled or no longer exists, then his former employer shall employ  
9           him in a comparable position.

10           C. The provisions of this Section shall be null and void on July 1, 2012.

11           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
12           signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
13           by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
14           vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
15           effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_